

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MILI, EAIR, SW  
SUBJECT: REPORTED NEAR COLLISION OF AIRCRAFT

REF: STOCKHOLM 0052 (071235Z)

1. STOCKHOLM AFTERNOON PRESS JANUARY 7 CARRIED STORIES  
BASICALLY REHASHING MORNING MEDIA ACCOUNTS OF ALLEGED  
NEAR COLLISION BETWEEN US MILITARY PLANE AND AEROFLOT  
COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT JANUARY 5 (REFTEL) AND SUBSEQUENT  
SWEDISH CIVIL AVIATION BOARD LETTER OF PROTEST TO  
EMBASSY. NO NEW DETAILS OF EITHER THE SEPTEMBER OR  
JANUARY INCIDENTS WERE PRESENTED. PRESS REPORTS DO  
NOTE THAT "ESPIONAGE FLIGHTS" ALONG SWEDEN'S BALTIC  
COAST BY THE EAST AND WEST ARE FREQUENT, AND THAT  
AMERICAN FLIGHTS ARE VERY REGULAR, "ALMOST DAILY."

2. SWEDISH DEFENSE MINISTER ERIC KRONMARK, FROM HIS  
HOME IN SOUTHERN SWEDEN, IS QUOTED BY PRESS AS SAYING  
THAT RESPECT FOR CONTROLLED AIRSPACE IS "AN IMPERATIVE  
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REQUIREMENT." KRONMARK ADDED THAT GOS IS "WELL AWARE OF  
THESE INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES," BUT HAD NOT HEARD THAT  
SUCH FLIGHTS HAD "PREVIOUSLY ENDANGERED AIR SAFETY IN  
OUR CORRIDORS." HE WITHHELD FURTHER COMMENT PENDING AN  
INVESTIGATION.

3. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM UPI SOURCE THAT THE CIVIL AVIATION BOARD MEMBER QUOTED IN THE SWEDISH PRESS NOW TELLS UPI THAT THE "PROTEST LETTER" REFERRED TO IN MEDIA ACCOUNTS IS NOT IN FACT RELATED TO THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENT. THE LETTER HE HAD REFERRED TO WAS ONE RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY ON DECEMBER 28 REGARDING THE SEPTEMBER INCIDENTS. SINCE THE LATEST OCCURRENCE HAS NOT YET BEEN INVESTIGATED, THE OFFICIAL, ACCORDING TO UPI, SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF THERE WOULD BE A LETTER DEALING WITH THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENT.

4. AS STATED REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED FACTUAL INFORMATION FROM SWEDISH AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE INCIDENT. IF INDEED, THERE IS NO LETTER AS YET FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION BOARD PROTESTING THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENT, WE EXPECT IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE THEIR INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED.

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